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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2703

Introduced by Assembly Member Aghazarian

February 24, 2006

An act to—amend Sections 1266.1, 1569.23, 1569.24, 1569.616, 1569.871, 1575.7, 1797.172, 1797.191, 107080, 111615, 111625, 115065, amend Sections 1266.1, 1569.23, 1569.24, 1569.616, 1797.172, 107080, 11615, 111625, 115065, 115080, 116735, and 117995 of, and to add Chapter 2.6 (commencing with Section 1499) to Division 2, and Sections 1522.08, 106722, 106877, and 117971 to, the Health and Safety Code, and to amend—Sections 5405 and Section 5675.2 of, the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2703, as amended, Aghazarian. Health and human services.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of health facilities by the State Department of Health Services, as defined. A violation of these provisions is a crime.

Existing law provides, however, that any new or renewal licensure application fees for psychiatric health facilities shall be collected by the State Department of Mental Health.

Existing law provides that the annual fee shall be waived for any health facility conducted, maintained, or operated by this state or any state department, authority, bureau, commission, or officer or by the Regents of the University of California, or by a local hospital district, city, county, or city and county.

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This bill would eliminate the authority for the waiver of the fee for any psychiatric health facility operated by a local hospital district, city, county, or city and county.

This bill would create in the State Treasury the Mental Health Licensing and Certification Fund, for which moneys, upon appropriation by the Legislature, shall be expended by the State Department of Mental Health to fund administrative and other activities in support of the licensing and certification program administered by that department.

Under existing law, the State Department of Social Services regulates the licensure and operation of various community care facilities, residential care facilities for the elderly and for persons with a chronic, life-threatening illness, and child day care facilities. Existing law requires the department to inspect certain of these facilities within 90 days of initial licensure, to evaluate compliance with applicable rules and regulations, and to assess the facility's continuing ability to meet regulatory requirements.

Under existing law, licensees and other individuals who are present and provide care in these facilities are required to provide fingerprints and the department is required to secure the individual's criminal history, to determine whether he or she has been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation, or convicted of specified sex-related offenses. Under existing law, violation of the provisions governing these facilities is a misdemeanor.

This bill would require an individual to obtain either a criminal record clearance from the Department of Justice or a criminal record exemption from the State Department of Social Services before his or her initial presence in any one of the above categories of facilities. The bill would require an applicant for facility licensure, or other specified individuals, to sign a declaration under penalty of perjury, disclosing any—prior criminal convictions or arrests, or any prior disciplinary action taken against him or her by a governmental agency final administrative action taken against him or her in connection with the operation of a facility or institution, as specified. By expanding the crime of perjury, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

This bill would revise the above-described inspection requirements to require the licensee to notify the department that the facility has commenced operating, within 5 business days after accepting its first client for placement following initial licensure, and would then require

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the department to conduct its inspection within 90 days after that date. By revising the requirements relating to the licensure of these facilities, the bill would create a new crime, thus imposing a state-mandated local program.

Existing law prohibits the Department of Justice and the State Department of Social Services from charging a fee for fingerprinting, or obtaining the criminal record of, an applicant for a license or special permit to operate certain community care facilities and day care facilities that serve 6 or fewer clients, but makes an exception to this prohibition for fiscal years 2003–04, 2004–05, and 2005–06.

This bill would extend this exception through the 2006–07 and 2007–08 fiscal years.

By changing the definition of an existing crime, and by expanding the crime of perjury, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Under existing law, the department is required to comply with specified requirements before prohibiting a person from being employed or having contact with clients in any of the facilities described above, on the basis of a denied criminal record exemption request or arrest information.

This bill, notwithstanding existing law, would prohibit an individual whose request for an exemption has been denied, or whose exemption has been revoked, from seeking reinstatement or an exemption for 2 years. The bill would permanently exclude the individual if that individual's request for exemption was denied based on conviction for a crime for which no exemption may be granted.

This bill, in order to protect the health and safety of persons receiving care or services from individuals or facilities licensed and certified by the state, would authorize departments under the jurisdiction of the California Health and Human Services Agency to share information with respect to applicants, licensees, certificates, and individuals who have been the subject of disciplinary action. The bill would require the State Department of Social Services to maintain a centralized system for monitoring and tracking of administrative disciplinary actions, to be used by departments under the jurisdiction of the California Health and Human Services Agency as a part of the background check process. This bill would authorize the department to adopt regulations to implement these provisions, and to charge a fee to other departments under the agency's jurisdictions to cover the cost of providing the specified disciplinary information.

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Existing law requires the Director of Social Services—in collaboration with specified entities, to develop and establish certification programs to ensure that group home facility and adult residential care facility for the elderly administrators have appropriate training to provide the care and services for which a license or certificate is issued. Existing law requires the department to administer a written test to applicants for certification as facility administrators, and to notify each applicant of his or her test results within 30 days.

This bill would authorize the department, in its discretion, to authorize vendors to conduct the written testing of facility administrators, as specified, and would authorize the vendors to charge a fee for this service. The bill would require the department to approve the test, and would require the vendor to notify the department and the applicant of the test results within 30 days after administering the test.

Existing law also requires a licensee or administrator applicant for a residential care facility for the elderly to complete a certification program approved by the department as a requirement for licensure or certification, which includes passing a written test.

This bill would authorize the department to authorize vendors to conduct the licensee's and administrator's testing programs, and would authorize vendors to charge a fee for this service. The bill would require the vendors to notify the applicant and department of the test results within 30 days after administering the test.

Existing law, the California Adult Day Health Care Act, requires that the State Department of Health Services, prior to issuing a new license under that act, conduct certain procedures in securing a criminal record clearance with respect to the administrator, program director, and fiscal officer of a proposed adult day health care center. Any violation of the provisions of that act is a crime.

This bill would revise those procedures by, among other things, prohibiting a person from direct contact with residents until completion of the criminal record clearance. By revising those procedures this bill would revise the definition of a crime, this resulting in a state-mandated local program.

Under existing law, the Emergency Medical Services Authority is responsible for establishing minimum standards and promulgating regulations for the training and scope of practice for emergency medical technicians-paramedic (EMT-P). Existing law also requires

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the authority to establish minimum standards for the training in pediatric first aid, pediatric CPR, and preventative health practices required by the California Child Day Care Act. Under existing law, these standards and regulations would be applicable to local governments, agencies, and other organizations that provide this training.

This bill would provide that for the first 6 months, an EMT-P license is provisional, and a pediatric first aid, pediatric CPR, or preventative health program approval is probationary. It would provide that during the provisional or probationary period, no vested right or property interest exists in the license or the training program approval. This bill would establish procedures applicable when the authority determines that a person who applies for approval or petitions for reinstatement previously applied for, or held, an approval for a pediatric first aid, pediatric CPR, or preventative health practices program, and the application was denied, or approval was revoked. The bill would specify the conditions under which the authority may reseind a provisional license or probationary training program approval.

The bill would impose a 2-year waiting period on a subsequent application or reinstatement petition under these circumstances, except as specified.

Under existing law, the department regulates the registration of environmental health specialists.

This bill would permit the department to deny, amend, revoke, suspend, or restrict a registration of an environmental health specialist when a person's background or behavior bears naturally on that person's ability to safely perform activities under the registration.

Existing law prohibits any person from manufacturing any drug or device in the state unless he or she has a valid license from the state and providing that the license is valid for one year from the date of issue, unless it is revoked.

This bill would extend the period of the license to one or 2 calendar years from the date of issue, depending on the schedule agreed to in the manufacturer's licensing application, unless it is revoked.

Existing law provides for the regulation and licensing of radioactive materials and persons generally licensed for the use of devices and equipment utilizing radioactive materials.

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This bill would require the State Department of Health Services to establish fees *to recover actual costs* for followup inspections related to the failure to correct violations of those regulations.

Existing law, the California Safe Drinking Water Act, provides for the administration of that act and other provisions relating to the regulation of drinking water to protect public health by the State Department of Health Services. Existing law requires the department to inspect each public water system at least annually.

This bill would, instead, require that a public water system with surface water sources with treatment be inspected annually, a system with groundwater sources subject to treatment be inspected biennially, and a system with groundwater sources not subject to treatment be inspected every 3 years.

Existing law, the Medical Waste Management Act, provides for the regulation of medical waste by the State Department of Health Services.

Existing law provides for annual permit requirements for large quantity medical waste generators and medical waste treatment facilities, and specifies the annual fees that the department is required to collect for this permit registration process.

This bill would revise the fees to be charged for medical waste treatment plant facility permits, would revise the annual fees to be charged for those permits, and would authorize permits for those facilities and large quantity medical waste generators to be issued biennially.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1266.1 of the Health and Safety Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 1266.1. (a) Each new or renewal application for a license for
- 4 a psychiatric health facility shall be accompanied by a fee equal

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1 in amount to the fee for an acute psychiatric hospital as specified 2 in subdivision (a) of Section 1266 or, as modified by subdivision 3 (e).

- (b) New or renewal licensure application fees for psychiatric health facilities, pursuant to this section, shall be collected by the State Department of Mental Health, and deposited into the Mental Health Licensing and Certification Fund established pursuant to Section—5675 5675.2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
- (c) Moneys in the fund shall, upon appropriation by the Legislature, be expended by the State Department of Mental Health for the purpose of ensuring the health and safety of all individuals provided care and supervision by licensees and to support activities of the licensing and certification program, including, but not limited to, monitoring facilities for compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- (d) The State Department of Mental Health shall make available to the Legislature and other interested parties, on or before January 17 of each year, information describing program costs within the State Department of Mental Health for licensure, regulation, and monitoring of psychiatric health facilities.
- (e) The annual fees shall be waived for any psychiatric health facility conducted, maintained, or operated by this state or any state department, authority, bureau, commission, or officer, or by the Regents of the University of California, or by a local hospital district, city, county, or city and county.
- (f) If additional private psychiatric health facilities seek new licensure on or after January 1, 1991, the State Department of Mental Health may increase the fees for all private psychiatric health facilities with more than nine beds sufficient to accommodate the increased level of workload and costs.
- (g) (1) The department may establish a probationary license category for new licensees for up to 24 months and may, prior to the completion of the 24-month period, terminate the license for good cause.
- (2) In establishing good cause for imposing termination, the department shall consider the gravity of the noncompliance with acceptable standards of operation requiring termination, which shall include all of the following:

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 (A) The degree of substantial probability that death or physical harm to the client would result, and, if applicable, did result from the noncompliance.

- (B) The severity of serious physical harm to a client or guest that was likely to result, and, if applicable, that did result from the noncompliance.
- (C) The extent of noncompliance with the provisions of the applicable statutes or regulations.
- (D) Mitigating circumstances, which shall include awareness of the applicable statutes and regulations and reasonable diligence in complying with those requirements, prior accomplishments manifesting the licensee's desire to comply with those requirements, and any other mitigating factors in favor of the licensee.
- (E) Any previous license citations and revocations committed by the licensee.
- (h) (1) Any licensee desiring to obtain a special permit to offer and provide structured outpatient services shall file an application with the State Department of Mental Health.
- (2) (A) The application for a special permit, if any, shall be submitted with each new or renewal application for a license for a psychiatric health facility, and shall be accompanied by a reasonable fee, as determined by the State Department of Mental Health, not to exceed the actual costs of administration related to the special permit.
- (B) The department may make additional charges with respect to any facility, if additional visits are required to ensure that corrective action is taken by the licensee. These changes shall be determined based upon actual personnel, travel, and operating costs necessary for these purposes.
- (3) The State Department of Mental Health shall not issue a special permit unless the applicant furnishes all of the following:
- 33 (A) Its annual licensing fee required pursuant to subdivision 34 (a).
 - (B) A completed application submitted on forms furnished by the department.
 - (C) A written agreement ensuring that the facility will have additional staffing for the services to be provided under the special permit, that the additional staffing will meet the same professional standards as required by regulation for inpatient

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services, and that a coordinator of these services will be appointed.

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- (D) Any other information or documentation as may be required by the department for its proper and efficient administration and enforcement of special permit services.
- (4) The provision of structured outpatient services pursuant to a special permit may be as an alternative to admission to inpatient services, as aftercare services following discharge from inpatient care, or as both.
- (i) Any law enforcement agency that receives a report of an incident at any facility licensed under this section shall notify the State Department of Mental Health of incidents reported to it by each facility for which there is a direct law enforcement involvement such as formal investigation or the filing of criminal charges.
- SEC. 2. Chapter 2.6 (commencing with Section 1499) is added to Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:

Chapter 2.6. Use of Administrative Action for Licensure

1499. (a) Any person or entity licensed or certificated under Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 1200), Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 1250), Chapter 2.3 (commencing with Section 1400), Chapter 2.35 (commencing with Section 1416), Chapter 3.3 (commencing with Section 1570), Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 1725), Chapter 8.3 (commencing with Section 1743), Chapter 8.5 (commencing with Section 1745), Chapter 8.6 (commencing with Section 1760), or Chapter 11 (commencing with Section 1794.01), or under Section 1247.6 of the Business and Professions Code, shall, in addition to all other requirements, disclose as part of the application, under penalty of perjury, for the license or certificate any revocation or other disciplinary action taken or proposed final administrative action taken against a license, certificate, registration, or other approval to engage in a profession, vocation, or occupation, or a license or other permission to operate a facility or institution.

(b) The department may consider, in determining whether to grant or deny the license or certification, any final revocation or other-disciplinary action taken or proposed final administrative

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action taken against a license, certificate, registration, or other permission to engage in a profession, vocation, or occupation or a license or other permission to operate a facility or institution.

- SEC. 3. Section 1522.08 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:
- 1522.08. (a) In order to protect the health and safety of persons receiving care or services from individuals or facilities licensed or certified by the state, departments under the jurisdiction of the California Health and Human Services Agency may share information between departments within the agency with respect to applicants, licensees, certificates, or individuals who have been the subject of any-disciplinary administrative action resulting in the denial, suspension, probation, or revocation of a license, permit, or certificate, or in the exclusion of any person from a facility, as otherwise provided by law. The State Department of Social Services shall maintain a centralized system for the monitoring and tracking of administrative disciplinary final administrative actions, to be used by all departments under the jurisdiction of the California Health and Human Services Agency as a part of the background check process.
- (b) The State Department of Social Services, in consultation with the other departments under the jurisdiction of the California Health and Human Services Agency, may adopt regulations to implement this section.
- (c) The State Department of Social Services may charge a fee to departments under the jurisdiction of the California Health and Human Services Agency sufficient to cover the cost of providing those departments with the disciplinary record information final administrative action specified in subdivision (a).
- 31 SEC. 4. Section 1569.23 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:
 - 1569.23. (a) As a requirement for licensure, the applicant shall demonstrate that he or she has successfully completed a certification program approved by the department.
 - (b) The certification program shall be for a minimum of 40 hours of classroom instruction and include a uniform core of knowledge which shall include all of the following:
- 39 (1) Law, regulations, policies, and procedural standards that 40 impact the operations of residential care facilities for the elderly.

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1 (2) Business operations.

- 2 (3) Management and supervision of staff.
- 3 (4) Psychosocial need of the elderly residents.
- 4 (5) Physical needs for elderly residents.
- 5 (6) Community and support services.
 - (7) Use, misuse, and interaction of drugs commonly used by the elderly.
 - (8) Resident admission, retention, and assessment procedures.
 - (c) Successful completion of the certification program shall be demonstrated by both of the following:
 - (1) Passing a written test. The department, in its discretion, may authorize vendors to conduct the administrator's testing program pursuant to this section, and the vendors may charge a fee for this service. When the test is administered by an authorized vendor, the vendor shall notify the applicant and the department of the test results within 30 days after administering the test.
 - (2) Submitting a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) to the department for the issuance of a certificate of completion.
 - (d) The department shall establish by regulation the program content, the testing instrument, process for approving certification programs, and criteria to be used for authorizing individuals or organizations to conduct certification programs. These regulations shall be developed with the participation of provider organizations.
 - (e) This section shall apply to all applications for licensure unless the applicant provides evidence that he or she has a current license for another residential care facility for the elderly which was initially licensed prior to July 1, 1989, or has successfully completed an approved certification program within the prior five years.
 - (f) If the applicant is a firm, partnership, association, or corporation, the chief executive officer, or other person serving in a like capacity, or the designated administrator of the facility shall provide evidence of successfully completing an approved certification program.
- 37 SEC. 5. Section 1569.24 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:
 - 1569.24. (a) Within 90 days after a facility accepts its first client for placement following its initial licensure, the department

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shall inspect the facility to evaluate compliance with rules and regulations and to assess the facility's continuing ability to meet regulatory requirements. The licensee shall notify the department that the facility has commenced operating, within five business days after accepting its first client for placement.

- (b) The department may take appropriate remedial action as provided for in this chapter.
- SEC. 6. Section 1569.616 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:
- 1569.616. (a) (1) An administrator of a residential care facility for the elderly shall be required to successfully complete a department approved certification program prior to employment.
- (2) In those cases where the individual is both the licensee and the administrator of a facility, or a licensed nursing home administrator, the individual shall comply with the requirements of this section unless he or she qualifies for one of the exemptions provided for in subdivision (b).
- (3) Failure to comply with this section shall constitute cause for revocation of the license of the facility where an individual is functioning as the administrator.
- (4) The licensee shall notify the department within 30 days of any change in administrators.
- (b) Individuals seeking exemptions under paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) shall meet the following criteria and fulfill the required portions of the certification program, as the case may be:
- (1) An individual designated as the administrator of a residential care facility for the elderly who holds a valid license as a nursing home administrator issued in accordance with Chapter 2.35 (commencing with Section 1416) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code shall be required to complete the areas in the uniform core of knowledge required by this section that pertain to the law, regulations, policies, and procedural standards that impact the operations of residential care facilities for the elderly, the use, misuse, and interaction of medication commonly used by the elderly in a residential setting, and resident admission, retention, and assessment procedures, equal to 12 hours of classroom instruction. An individual meeting the

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requirements of this paragraph shall not be required to take a written test.

- (2) In those cases where the individual was both the licensee and administrator on or before July 1, 1991, the individual shall be required to complete all the areas specified for the certification program, but shall not be required to take the written test required by this section. Those individuals exempted from the written test shall be issued a conditional certification that is valid only for the administrator of the facility for which the exemption was granted.
- (A) As a condition to becoming an administrator of another facility, the individual shall be required to pass the written test provided for in this section.
- (B) As a condition to applying for a new facility license, the individual shall be required to pass the written test provided for in Section 1569.23.
- (c) (1) The administrator certification program shall require a minimum of 40 hours of classroom instruction that provides training on a uniform core of knowledge in each of the following areas:
- (A) Laws, regulations, and policies and procedural standards that impact the operations of residential care facilities for the elderly.
 - (B) Business operations.

- (C) Management and supervision of staff.
- (D) Psychosocial needs of the elderly.
- (E) Community and support services.
- (F) Physical needs for elderly persons.
- 29 (G) Use, misuse, and interaction of medication commonly 30 used by the elderly.
 - (H) Resident admission, retention, and assessment procedures.
 - (I) Training focused specifically on serving clients with dementia. This training shall be for at least four hours.
 - (2) (A) The department, in its discretion, may authorize vendors to conduct the administrator's testing program pursuant to this section, and the vendors may charge a fee for this service.
 - (B) Individuals applying for initial certification under this section shall successfully complete an approved certification program, pass a written test approved by the department within 60 days of completing the program, and submit the

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1 documentation required by subdivision (d) to the department

- 2 within 30 days of being notified of having passed the test. The
- 3 department may extend these time deadlines for good cause.
- Where an authorized vendor administers the test, the vendor shall notify the applicant and the department of the test results within 30 days after administering the test.
 - (d) The department shall not begin the process of issuing a certificate until receipt of all of the following:
 - (1) A certificate of completion of the administrator training required pursuant to this chapter.
 - (2) The fee required for issuance of the certificate. A fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) shall be charged by the department to cover the costs of processing the application for certification.
 - (3) Documentation of passing the written test or of qualifying for an exemption pursuant to subdivision (b).
 - (4) Submission of fingerprints. The department and the Department of Justice shall expedite the criminal record clearance for holders of certificates of completion. The department may waive the submission for those persons who have a current criminal record clearance on file.
 - (e) It shall be unlawful for any person not certified under this section to hold himself or herself out as a certified administrator of a residential care facility for the elderly. Any person willfully making any false representation as being a certified administrator is guilty of a misdemeanor.
 - (f) (1) Certificates issued under this section shall be renewed every two years and renewal shall be conditional upon the certificate holder submitting documentation of completion of 40 hours of continuing education related to the core of knowledge specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (c). No more than one-half of the required 40 hours of continuing education necessary to renew the certificate may be satisfied through online courses. For purposes of this section, individuals who hold a valid license as a nursing home administrator issued in accordance with Chapter 2.35 (commencing with Section 1416) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code and meet the requirements of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) shall only be required to complete 20 hours of continuing education.
 - (2) Every certified administrator of a residential care facility for the elderly is required to renew his or her certificate and shall

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complete the continuing education requirements of this subdivision whether he or she is certified according to subdivision (a) or (b). At least eight hours of the 40-hour continuing education requirement for a certified administrator of a residential care facility for the elderly shall include instruction on serving clients with dementia, including, but not limited to, instruction related to direct care, physical environment, and admissions procedures and assessment.

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- (3) Certificates issued under this section shall expire every two years, on the anniversary date of the initial issuance of the certificate, except that any administrator receiving his or her initial certification on or after January 1, 1999, shall make an irrevocable election to have his or her recertification date for any subsequent recertification either on the date two years from the date of issuance of the certificate or on the individual's birthday during the second calendar year following certification. The department shall send a renewal notice to the certificate holder 90 days prior to the expiration date of the certificate. If the certificate is not renewed prior to its expiration date, reinstatement shall only be permitted after the certificate holder has paid a delinquency fee equal to three times the renewal fee and has provided evidence of completion of the continuing education required.
- (4) To renew a certificate, the certificate holder shall, on or before the certificate expiration date, request renewal by submitting to the department documentation of completion of the required continuing education courses and pay the renewal fee of one hundred dollars (\$100), irrespective of receipt of the department's notification of the renewal. A renewal request postmarked on or before the expiration of the certificate is proof of compliance with this paragraph.
- (5) A suspended or revoked certificate is subject to expiration as provided for in this section. If reinstatement of the certificate is approved by the department, the certificate holder, as a condition precedent to reinstatement, shall pay a fee in an amount equal to the renewal fee, plus the delinquency fee, if any, accrued at the time of its revocation or suspension.
- (6) A certificate that is not renewed within four years after its expiration shall not be renewed, restored, reissued, or reinstated except upon completion of a certification program, passing any

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test that may be required of an applicant for a new certificate at
that time, and paying the appropriate fees provided for in this
section.

- (7) A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) shall be charged for the reissuance of a lost certificate.
- (8) A certificate holder shall inform the department of his or her employment status within 30 days of any change.
- (g) The department may revoke a certificate issued under this section for any of the following:
 - (1) Procuring a certificate by fraud or misrepresentation.
- (2) Knowingly making or giving any false statement or information in conjunction with the application for issuance of a certificate.
- (3) Criminal conviction unless an exemption is granted pursuant to Section 1569.17.
- (h) The certificate shall be considered forfeited under either of the following conditions:
- (1) The administrator has had a license revoked, suspended, or denied as authorized under Section 1569.50.
- (2) The administrator has been denied employment, residence, or presence in a facility based on action resulting from an administrative hearing pursuant to Section 1569.58.
- (i) (1) The department shall establish, by regulation, the program content, the testing instrument, the process for approving certification programs, and criteria to be used in authorizing individuals, organizations, or educational institutions to conduct certification programs and continuing education courses. These regulations shall be developed in consultation with provider and consumer organizations, and shall be made available at least six months prior to the deadline required for certification. The department may deny vendor approval to any agency or person that has not provided satisfactory evidence of their ability to meet the requirements of vendorization set out in the regulations adopted pursuant to subdivision (j).
- (2) (A) A vendor of online programs for continuing education shall ensure that each online course contains all of the following:
- 37 (i) An interactive portion where the participant receives 38 feedback, through online communication, based on input from 39 the participant.

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(ii) Required use of a personal identification number or personal identification information to confirm the identity of the participant.

- (iii) A final screen displaying a printable statement, to be signed by the participant, certifying that the identified participant completed the course. The vendor shall obtain a copy of the final screen statement with the original signature of the participant prior to the issuance of a certificate of completion. The signed statement of completion shall be maintained by the vendor for a period of three years and be available to the department upon demand. Any person who certifies as true any material matter pursuant to this section that he or she knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- (B) Nothing in this subdivision shall prohibit the department from approving online programs for continuing education that do not meet the requirements of subparagraph (A) if the vendor demonstrates to the department's satisfaction that, through advanced technology, the course and the course delivery meet the requirements of this section.
- (3) The department may authorize vendors to conduct the administrator certification training program pursuant to provisions set forth in this section. The department shall ensure that the written test is conducted pursuant to regulations adopted by the department.
- (4) The department shall prepare and maintain an updated list of approved training and testing vendors.
- (5) The department may inspect training and testing programs, continuing education courses, and online courses, at no charge to the department, in order to determine if content and teaching methods comply with paragraphs (1) and (2), if applicable, and with regulations. If the department determines that any vendor is not complying with the intent of this section, the department shall take appropriate action to bring the program into compliance, which may include removing the vendor from the approved list.
- (6) The department shall establish reasonable procedures and timeframes, not to exceed 30 days, for the approval of vendor training programs.
- (7) The department may charge a reasonable fee, not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) every two years, to certification program vendors for review and approval of the initial 40-hour

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training program pursuant to subdivision (c). The department may also charge the vendor a fee, not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) every two years, for the review and approval of the continuing education courses needed for recertification pursuant to this subdivision.

- (j) This section shall be operative upon regulations being adopted by the department to implement the administrator certification program as provided for in this section.
- (k) The department shall establish a registry for holders of certificates that shall include, at a minimum, information on employment status and criminal record clearance.
- (1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, vendors approved by the department who exclusively provide either initial or continuing education courses for certification of administrators of a residential care facility for the elderly, as defined in subdivision (k) of Section 1569.2, a group home facility, as defined by regulations of the department, or an adult residential care facility, as defined by regulations of the department, shall be regulated solely by the department pursuant to this chapter. No other state or local governmental entity shall be responsible for regulating the activity of those vendors.

SEC. 7. Section 1596.871 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

1596.871. The Legislature recognizes the need to generate timely and accurate positive fingerprint identification of applicants as a condition of issuing licenses, permits, or certificates of approval for persons to operate or provide direct care services in a child care center or family child care home. Therefore, the Legislature supports the use of the fingerprint live-scan technology, as defined in the long-range plan of the Department of Justice for fully automating the processing of fingerprints and other data by the year 1999, otherwise known as the California Crime Information Intelligence System (CAL-CII), to be used for applicant fingerprints. It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this section to require the fingerprints of those individuals whose contact with child day care facility clients may pose a risk to the children's health and safety. An individual shall be required to obtain either a criminal record elearance from the Department of Justice or a criminal record -19 - AB 2703

exemption from the State Department of Social Services before his or her initial presence in a child day care facility.

- (a) (1) Before issuing a license or special permit to any person to operate or manage a day care facility, the department shall secure from an appropriate law enforcement agency a criminal record to determine whether the applicant or any other person specified in subdivision (b) has ever been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation or arrested for any crime specified in Section 290 of the Penal Code, for violating Section 245 or 273.5, subdivision (b) of Section 273a or, prior to January 1, 1994, paragraph (2) of Section 273a of the Penal Code, or for any crime for which the department cannot grant an exemption if the person was convicted and the person has not been exonerated.
- (2) The criminal history information shall include the full criminal record, if any, of those persons, and subsequent arrest information pursuant to Section 11105.2 of the Penal Code.
- (3) Except during the 2003–04, 2004–05, 2005–06, 2006–07, and 2007–08 fiscal years, neither the Department of Justice nor the department may charge a fee for the fingerprinting of an applicant who will serve six or fewer children or any family day eare applicant for a license, or for obtaining a criminal record of an applicant pursuant to this section.
- (4) The following shall apply to the criminal record information:
- (A) If the State Department of Social Services finds that the applicant or any other person specified in subdivision (b) has been convicted of a crime, other than a minor traffic violation, the application shall be denied, unless the director grants an exemption pursuant to subdivision (f).
- (B) If the State Department of Social Services finds that the applicant, or any other person specified in subdivision (b), is awaiting trial for a crime other than a minor traffic violation, the State Department of Social Services may cease processing the application until the conclusion of the trial.
- (C) If no criminal record information has been recorded, the Department of Justice shall provide the applicant and the State Department of Social Services with a statement of that fact.
- (D) If the State Department of Social Services finds after licensure that the licensee, or any other person specified in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b), has been convicted of a crime

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1 other than a minor traffic violation, the license may be revoked, 2 unless the director grants an exemption pursuant to subdivision 3 (f).

- (E) An applicant and any other person specified in subdivision (b) shall submit a second set of fingerprints to the Department of Justice, for the purpose of searching the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in addition to the search required by subdivision (a). If an applicant meets all other conditions for licensure, except receipt of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's eriminal history information for the applicant and persons listed in subdivision (b), the department may issue a license if the applicant and each person described by subdivision (b) has signed and submitted a statement that he or she has never been convicted of a crime in the United States, other than a traffic infraction as defined in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 42001 of the Vehicle Code. If, after licensure, the department determines that the licensee or person specified in subdivision (b) has a criminal record, the license may be revoked pursuant to Section 1596.885. The department may also suspend the license pending an administrative hearing pursuant to Section 1596.886.
- (F) An applicant and any other person specified in subdivision (b), as a part of the background clearance process, shall sign a declaration under penalty of perjury disclosing whether or not the person has any prior criminal convictions or arrests, or has had any prior disciplinary action taken against him or her by any federal, state, or local governmental agency.
- (b) (1) In addition to the applicant, this section shall be applicable to criminal convictions of the following persons:
- (A) Adults responsible for administration or direct supervision of staff.
 - (B) Any person, other than a child, residing in the facility.
- (C) Any person who provides care and supervision to the children.
- 35 (D) Any staff person, volunteer, or employee who has contact 36 with the children.
 - (i) A volunteer providing time-limited specialized services shall be exempt from the requirements of this subdivision if this person is directly supervised by the licensee or a facility employee with a criminal record clearance or exemption, the

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volunteer spends no more than 16 hours per week at the facility, and the volunteer is not left alone with children in care.

- (ii) A student enrolled or participating at an accredited educational institution shall be exempt from the requirements of this subdivision if the student is directly supervised by the licensee or a facility employee with a criminal record clearance or exemption, the facility has an agreement with the educational institution concerning the placement of the student, the student spends no more than 16 hours per week at the facility, and the student is not left alone with children in care.
- (iii) A volunteer who is a relative, legal guardian, or foster parent of a client in the facility shall be exempt from the requirements of this subdivision.
- (iv) A contracted repair person retained by the facility, if not left alone with children in care, shall be exempt from the requirements of this subdivision.
- (v) Any person similar to those described in this subdivision, as defined by the department in regulations.
- (E) If the applicant is a firm, partnership, association, or corporation, the chief executive officer, other person serving in like capacity, or a person designated by the chief executive officer as responsible for the operation of the facility, as designated by the applicant agency.
- (F) If the applicant is a local educational agency, the president of the governing board, the school district superintendent, or a person designated to administer the operation of the facility, as designated by the local educational agency.
- (G) Additional officers of the governing body of the applicant, or other persons with a financial interest in the applicant, as determined necessary by the department by regulation. The eriteria used in the development of these regulations shall be based on the person's capability to exercise substantial influence over the operation of the facility.
- (H) This section does not apply to employees of child care and development programs under contract with the State Department of Education who have completed a criminal records clearance as part—of—an—application—to—the—Commission—on—Teacher Credentialing, and who possess a current credential or permit issued by the commission, including employees of child care and development programs that serve both children subsidized under,

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and children not subsidized under, a State Department of
Education contract. The Commission on Teacher Credentialing
shall notify the department upon revocation of a current
credential or permit issued to an employee of a child care and
development program under contract with the State Department
of Education.

- (I) This section does not apply to employees of a child care and development program operated by a school district, county office of education, or community college district under contract with the State Department of Education who have completed a criminal record clearance as a condition of employment. The school district, county office of education, or community college district upon receiving information that the status of an employee's criminal record clearance has changed shall submit that information to the department.
- (2) Nothing in this subdivision shall prevent a licensee from requiring a criminal record clearance of any individuals exempt from the requirements under this subdivision.
- (c) (1) (A) Subsequent to initial licensure, any person specified in subdivision (b) and not exempted from fingerprinting shall, as a condition to employment, residence, or presence in a child day care facility be fingerprinted and sign a declaration under penalty of perjury regarding any prior criminal conviction. The licensee shall submit these fingerprints to the Department of Justice, along with a second set of fingerprints for the purpose of searching the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or to comply with paragraph (1) of subdivision (h), prior to the person's employment, residence, or initial presence in the child day care facility.
- (B) These fingerprints shall be on a card provided by the State Department of Social Services for the purpose of obtaining a permanent set of fingerprints and submitted to the Department of Justice by the licensee or sent by electronic transmission in a manner approved by the State Department of Social Services. A licensee's failure to submit fingerprints to the Department of Justice, or to comply with paragraph (1) of subdivision (h), as required in this section, shall result in the citation of a deficiency, and an immediate assessment of civil penalties in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100) per violation, per day for a maximum of five days, unless the violation is a second or subsequent

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1 violation within a 12-month period in which case the civil 2 penalties shall be in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100) 3 per violation for a maximum of 30 days, and shall be grounds for 4 disciplining the licensee pursuant to Section 1596.885 or Section 5 1596.886. The State Department of Social Services may assess 6 civil penalties for continued violations permitted by Sections 7 1596.99 and 1597.62. The fingerprints shall then be submitted to 8 the State Department of Social Services for processing. Within 9 14 calendar days of the receipt of the fingerprints, the 10 Department of Justice shall notify the State Department of Social 11 Services of the criminal record information, as provided in this 12 subdivision. If no criminal record information has been recorded, 13 the Department of Justice shall provide the licensee and the State 14 Department of Social Services with a statement of that fact 15 within 14 calendar days of receipt of the fingerprints. If new fingerprints are required for processing, the Department of 16 17 Justice shall, within 14 calendar days from the date of receipt of 18 the fingerprints, notify the licensee that the fingerprints were 19 illegible. 20

(C) Documentation of the individual's clearance or exemption shall be maintained by the licensee, and shall be available for inspection. When live-scan technology is operational, as defined in Section 1522.04, the Department of Justice shall notify the department, as required by that section, and notify the licensee by mail within 14 days of electronic transmission of the fingerprints to the Department of Justice, if the person has no criminal record. Any violation of the regulations adopted pursuant to Section 1522.04 shall result in the citation of a deficiency and an immediate assessment of civil penalties in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100) per violation, per day for a maximum of five days, unless the violation is a second or subsequent violation within a 12-month period in which case the civil penalties shall be in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100) per violation for a maximum of 30 days, and shall be grounds for disciplining the licensee pursuant to Section 1596.885 or Section 1596.886. The department may assess civil penalties for continued violations, as permitted by Sections 1596.99 and 1597.62.

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(2) Except for persons specified in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b), the licensee shall endeavor to ascertain the previous employment history of persons required to be

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fingerprinted under this subdivision. If it is determined by the 2 department, on the basis of fingerprints submitted to the 3 Department of Justice, that the person has been convicted of a 4 sex offense against a minor, an offense specified in Section 5 243.4, 273a, 273d, 273g, or 368 of the Penal Code, or a felony, the State Department of Social Services shall notify the licensee 6 7 to act immediately to terminate the person's employment, 8 remove the person from the child day care facility, or bar the 9 person from entering the child day care facility. The department 10 may subsequently grant an exemption pursuant to subdivision (f). 11 If the conviction was for another crime except a minor traffic 12 violation, the licensee shall, upon notification by the State 13 Department of Social Services, act immediately to either (1) 14 terminate the person's employment, remove the person from the 15 child day care facility, or bar the person from entering the child day care facility; or (2) seek an exemption pursuant to 16 17 subdivision (f). The department shall determine if the person 18 shall be allowed to remain in the facility until a decision on the 19 exemption is rendered. A licensee's failure to comply with the 20 department's prohibition of employment, contact with clients, or 21 presence in the facility as required by this paragraph shall result 22 in a citation of deficiency and an immediate assessment of civil 23 penalties by the department against the licensee, in the amount of 24 one hundred dollars (\$100) per violation, per day for a maximum 25 of five days, unless the violation is a second or subsequent violation within a 12-month period in which case the civil 26 27 penalties shall be in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100) per violation for a maximum of 30 days, and shall be grounds for 28 disciplining the licensee pursuant to Section 1596.885 or 29 30 1596.886. 31

- (3) The department may issue an exemption on its own motion pursuant to subdivision (f) if the person's criminal history indicates that the person is of good character based on the age, seriousness, and frequency of the conviction or convictions. The department, in consultation with interested parties, shall develop regulations to establish the criteria to grant an exemption pursuant to this paragraph.
- (4) Concurrently with notifying the licensee pursuant to paragraph (3), the department shall notify the affected individual of his or her right to seek an exemption pursuant to subdivision

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(f). The individual may seek an exemption only if the licensee terminates the person's employment or removes the person from the facility after receiving notice from the department pursuant to paragraph (3).

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- (d) (1) For purposes of this section or any other provision of this chapter, a conviction means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action that the department is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has elapsed, when the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, notwithstanding a subsequent order pursuant to Sections 1203.4 and 1203.4a of the Penal Code permitting the person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information, or indictment. For purposes of this section or any other provision of this chapter, the record of a conviction, or a copy thereof certified by the clerk of the court or by a judge of the court in which the conviction occurred, shall be conclusive evidence of the conviction. For purposes of this section or any other provision of this chapter, the arrest disposition report certified by the Department of Justice, or documents admissible in a criminal action pursuant to Section 969b of the Penal Code, shall be prima facie evidence of conviction, notwithstanding any other provision of law prohibiting the admission of these documents in a civil or administrative action.
- (2) For purposes of this section or any other provision of this chapter, the department shall consider criminal convictions from another state or federal court as if the criminal offense was committed in this state.
- (e) The State Department of Social Services may not use a record of arrest to deny, revoke, or terminate any application, license, employment, or residence unless the department investigates the incident and secures evidence, whether or not related to the incident of arrest, that is admissible in an administrative hearing to establish conduct by the person that may pose a risk to the health and safety of any person who is or may become a client. The State Department of Social Services is authorized to obtain any arrest or conviction records or reports

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from any law enforcement agency as necessary to the performance of its duties to inspect, license, and investigate community care facilities and individuals associated with a community care facility.

- (f) (1) After review of the record, the director may grant an exemption from disqualification for a license or special permit as specified in paragraphs (1) and (4) of subdivision (a), or for employment, residence, or presence in a child day care facility as specified in paragraphs (3), (4), and (5) of subdivision (c) if the director has substantial and convincing evidence to support a reasonable belief that the applicant and the person convicted of the crime, if other than the applicant, are of good character so as to justify issuance of the license or special permit or granting an exemption for purposes of subdivision (c). However, an exemption may not be granted pursuant to this subdivision if the conviction was for any of the following offenses:
- (A) An offense specified in Section 220, 243.4, or 264.1, subdivision (a) of Section 273a or, prior to January 1, 1994, paragraph (1) of Section 273a, Section 273d, 288, or 289, subdivision (a) of Section 290, or Section 368 of the Penal Code, or was a conviction of another crime against an individual specified in subdivision (c) of Section 667.5 of the Penal Code.
- (B) A felony offense specified in Section 729 of the Business and Professions Code or Section 206 or 215, subdivision (a) of Section 347, subdivision (b) of Section 417, or subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 451 of the Penal Code.
- (2) The department may not prohibit a person from being employed or having contact with clients in a facility on the basis of a denied criminal record exemption request or arrest information unless the department complies with the requirements of Section 1596.8897. Notwithstanding subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of, and subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of, subdivision (h) of Section 1596.8897, if a request for an exemption has been denied, or an exemption has been revoked, the individual shall be prohibited for a period of two years from seeking reinstatement or an exemption, unless the individual has been convicted of a crime for which no exemption can be granted. If a request for an exemption has been denied based on conviction for a crime for which no exemption may be

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granted, the individual shall be excluded for the remainder of his or her life.

- (g) Upon request of the licensee, who shall enclose a self-addressed stamped postcard for this purpose, the Department of Justice shall verify receipt of the fingerprints.
- (h) (1) For the purposes of compliance with this section, the department may permit an individual to transfer a current criminal record clearance, as defined in subdivision (a), from one facility to another, as long as the criminal record clearance has been processed through a state licensing district office, and is being transferred to another facility licensed by a state licensing district office. The request shall be in writing to the department, and shall include a copy of the person's driver's license or valid identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles, or a valid photo identification issued by another state or the United States government if the person is not a California resident. Upon request of the licensee, who shall enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for this purpose, the department shall verify whether the individual has a clearance that can be transferred.
- (2) The State Department of Social Services shall hold eriminal record clearances in its active files for a minimum of two years after an employee is no longer employed at a licensed facility in order for the criminal record clearances to be transferred.
- (3) The following shall apply to a criminal record clearance or exemption from the department or a county office with department delegated licensing authority:
- (A) A county office with department delegated licensing authority may accept a clearance or exemption from the department.
- (B) The department may accept a clearance or exemption from any county office with department delegated licensing authority.
- (C) A county office with department delegated licensing authority may accept a clearance or exemption from any other county office with department delegated licensing authority.
- (4) With respect to notifications issued by the Department of Justice pursuant to Section 11105.2 of the Penal Code concerning an individual whose criminal record clearance was originally

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processed by the department or a county office with department delegated licensing authority, all of the following shall apply:

- (A) The Department of Justice shall process a request from the department or a county office with department delegated licensing authority to receive the notice, only if all of the following conditions are met:
- (i) The request shall be submitted to the Department of Justice by the agency to be substituted to receive the notification.
- (ii) The request shall be for the same applicant type as the type for which the original clearance was obtained.
- (iii) The request shall contain all prescribed data elements and format protocols pursuant to a written agreement between the department and the Department of Justice.
- (B) (i) On or before January 7, 2005, the department shall notify the Department of Justice of all county offices that have department delegated licensing authority.
- (ii) The department shall notify the Department of Justice within 15 calendar days of the date on which a new county office receives department delegated licensing authority or a county's delegated licensing authority is rescinded.
- (C) The Department of Justice shall charge the department or a county office with department delegated licensing authority a fee for each time a request to substitute the recipient agency is received for purposes of this paragraph. This fee shall not exceed the cost of providing the service.
- (i) Amendments to this section made in the 1998 calendar year shall be implemented commencing 60 days after the effective date of the act amending this section in the 1998 calendar year, except those provisions for the submission of fingerprints for searching the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which shall be implemented commencing January 1, 1999.
- SEC. 8. Section 1575.7 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:
- 1575.7. (a) (1) The State Department of Health Services, prior to issuing a new license, shall obtain a criminal clearance for the administrator, program director, and fiscal officer of the proposed adult day health care center. The state department shall obtain the criminal records clearances each time these positions are to be filled. These criminal record clearances, in accordance

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with subdivisions (b) and (c), shall be completed prior to direct contact with residents.

- (2) A criminal record clearance shall be complete when the department has obtained the person's criminal record information from the Department of Justice and has determined that the person is not disqualified from engaging in the activity for which elearance is required.
- (3) The criminal record clearance shall require the administrator, program director, and fiscal officer to submit electronic fingerprint images to the department.
- (b) A past conviction of any crime, especially any crime involving misuse of funds or involving physical abuse shall, in the discretion of the department, be grounds for denial of the license, and shall be grounds to prohibit the person from providing services in an adult day health care center.
- (c) Suspension of the applicant from the Medi-Cal program or prior violations of statutory provisions or regulations relating to licensure of a health facility, community care facility, or clinic shall also be grounds for a denial of licensure, where determined by the state department to indicate a substantial probability that the applicant will not comply with this chapter and regulations adopted hereunder.
- (d) No applicant which is licensed as a health facility, community care facility, or clinic may be issued a license for an adult day health care center while there exists a subsisting, uncorrected violation of the statutes or regulations relating to such licensure.
- (e) A person subject to a criminal clearance under this section that has been disqualified from engaging in the activity for which clearance is required shall not reapply for licensure until two years after notification of denial of the criminal clearance.
- (f) The department shall develop procedures to ensure that any licensee, direct care staff, or certificate holder for whom a criminal record has been obtained pursuant to this section or Section 1265.5 or 1736 shall not be required to obtain multiple criminal record clearances.
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38 SEC. 7. Section 1797.172 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

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 1797.172. (a) The authority shall develop, and after the approval of the commission pursuant to Section 1799.50, shall adopt, minimum standards for the training and scope of practice for EMT-P.

- (b) The approval of the director, in consultation with a committee of local EMS medical directors named by the EMS Medical Directors Association of California, is required prior to implementation of any addition to a local optional scope of practice for EMT-Ps proposed by the medical director of a local EMS agency.
- (c) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the authority shall be the agency solely responsible for licensure and licensure renewal of EMT-Ps who meet the standards and are not precluded from licensure because of any of the reasons listed in subdivision (c) of Section 1798.200.
- (2) Each application for licensure or licensure renewal shall require the applicant's social security number in order to establish the identity of the applicant. Each applicant shall submit his or her fingerprint images, via live scan or another means for criminal record checks that is approved by the Department of Justice, with the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in order to determine whether the applicant has any criminal convictions in this state or any other jurisdiction, including foreign countries. The information obtained as a result of obtaining the applicant's social security number and the applicant's submission of fingerprint images shall be used in accordance with Section 11105 of the Penal Code, and to determine whether the applicant is subject to denial of licensure or licensure renewal pursuant to this division. Submission of fingerprint images may not be required for licensure renewal upon determination by the authority that fingerprint images were already obtained during initial licensure, or a previous licensure renewal, provided that the license has not lapsed and the applicant has resided continuously in the state since the initial licensure.
- (3) An initial EMT-P license shall be considered provisional for the first six months of the initial two-year licensure cycle, during which time the EMT-P shall not possess a vested right or property interest in the license. Upon receipt of credible evidence of a violation of subdivision (c) of Section 1798.200, the

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authority may rescind the provisional licence by providing written notice to the EMT-P at his or her last known address on file with the authority, and by providing notice to the EMT-P's employer, if known. An EMT-P whose provisional license is rescinded shall have all the due process rights associated with the denial of an EMT-P license.

- (d) The authority shall charge fees for the licensure and licensure renewal of EMT-Ps in an amount sufficient to support the authority's licensure program at a level that ensures the qualifications of the individuals licensed to provide quality care. The basic fee for licensure or licensure renewal of an EMT-P shall not exceed one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125). Separate additional fees may be charged, at the option of the authority, for services that are not shared by all applicants for licensure and licensure renewal, including, but not limited to, any of the following services:
 - (1) Initial application for licensure as an EMT-P.
- (2) Competency testing, the fee for which shall not exceed thirty dollars (\$30), except that an additional fee may be charged for the cost of any services that provide enhanced availability of the exam for the convenience of the EMT-P, such as on-demand electronic testing.
- (3) Fingerprint and criminal record check. The applicant shall, if applicable according to subdivision (c), submit two fingerprint cards for criminal record checks with the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
 - (4) Out-of-state training equivalency determination.
- (5) Verification of continuing education for a lapse in licensure.
- (6) Replacement of a lost licensure card. The fees charged for individual services shall be set so that the total fees charged to EMT-Ps shall not exceed the authority's actual total cost for the EMT-P licensure program.
- (e) The authority may provide nonconfidential, nonpersonal information relating to EMS programs to interested persons upon request, and may establish and assess fees for the provision of this information. These fees shall not exceed the costs of providing the information.
- (f) At the option of the authority, fees may be collected for the authority by an entity that contracts with the authority to provide

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1 any of the services associated with the EMT-P program. All fees 2 collected for the authority in a calendar month by any entity 3 designated by the authority pursuant to this section to collect fees 4 for the authority shall be transmitted to the authority for deposit 5 into the Emergency Medical Services Personnel Fund within 30 calendar days following the last day of the calendar month in 6 7 which the fees were received by the designated entity, unless the 8 contract between the entity and the authority specifies a different 9 timeframe.

SEC. 10. Section 1797.191 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

1797.191. (a) The authority shall establish minimum standards for the training in pediatric first aid, pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and preventive health practices required by Section 1596.866.

(b) (1) The authority shall establish a process for the ongoing review and approval of training programs in pediatric first aid, pediatric CPR, and preventive health practices as specified in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 1596.866 to ensure that those programs meet the minimum standards established pursuant to subdivision (a). The authority shall charge fees equal to its costs incurred for the pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR training standards program and for the ongoing review and approval of these programs. The initial approval of training programs in pediatric first aid, pediatric CPR, and preventative health practices shall be placed on probation for the first six months of the initial two-year approval cycle, during which time the training program shall not possess a vested right or property interest in the training program approval. Upon receipt of eredible evidence of a violation of subdivision (f), the authority may rescind the probationary approval by providing written notice to the program director of the training program at his or her last known address on file with the authority. A training program whose probationary approval has been rescinded shall have all the due process rights associated with the denial of an initial training program approval.

(2) The authority shall establish, in consultation with experts in pediatric first aid, pediatric CPR, and preventive health practices, a process to ensure the quality of the training programs, including, but not limited to, a method for assessing

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the appropriateness of the courses and the qualifications of the instructors.

- (e) (1) The authority may charge a fee equal to its costs incurred for the preventive health practices program and for the initial review and approval and renewal of approval of the program.
- (2) If the authority chooses to establish a fee process based on the use of course completion cards for the preventive health practices program, the cost shall not exceed seven dollars (\$7) per eard for each training participant until January 1, 2001, at which time the authority may evaluate its administrative costs. After evaluation of the costs, the authority may establish a new fee scale for the cards so that revenue does not exceed the costs of the ongoing review and approval of the preventive health practices training.
- (d) For the purposes of this section, "training programs" means programs that apply for approval by the authority to provide the training in pediatric first aid, pediatric CPR, or preventive health practices as specified in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 1596.866. Training programs include all affiliated programs that also provide any of the authority-approved training required by this division. "Affiliated programs" means programs that are overseen by persons or organizations that have an authority-approved training program in pediatric first aid, pediatric CPR, or preventive health practices. Affiliated programs also include programs that have purchased an authority-approved training program in pediatric first aid, pediatric CPR, or preventive health practices. Training programs and their affiliated programs shall comply with this division and with the regulations adopted by the authority pertaining to training programs in pediatric first aid, pediatric CPR, or preventive health practices.
- (e) The director of the authority may, in accordance with regulations adopted by the authority, deny, suspend, or revoke any approval issued under this division or may place any approved program on probation, upon the finding by the director of the authority of an imminent threat to the public health and safety as evidenced by the occurrence of any of the actions listed in subdivision (f).

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(f) Any of the following actions shall be considered evidence of a threat to the public health and safety, and may result in the denial, suspension, probation, or revocation of a program's approval or application for approval pursuant to this division.

(1) Fraud.

- (2) Incompetence.
- (3) The commission of any fraudulent, dishonest, or corrupt act that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of training program directors and instructors.
- (4) Conviction of any crime that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of training program directors and instructors. The record of conviction or a certified copy of the record shall be conclusive evidence of the conviction.
- (5) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, this division or the regulations promulgated by the authority pertaining to the review and approval of training programs in pediatric first aid, pediatric CPR, and preventive health practices as specified in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 1596.866.
- (g) (1) If the authority determines that a person had previously applied for or held a pediatric first aid, pediatric CPR, or preventative health and safety training program under this division, and the application was denied, or the training program approval was revoked pursuant to subdivision (f), the authority shall reject the application or petition for reinstatement in accordance with the following:
- (A) If the applicant or training program director requested a hearing, the authority shall reject the application or petition for reinstatement until two years has elapsed from the effective date of the decision and order of the authority upholding the denial or revocation.
- (B) If the applicant or training program director did not request a hearing, the authority shall reject the application or petition for reinstatement until two years has elapsed from the date that notification of the denial or revocation was mailed to the applicant or training program director.
- (2) An exception to the two-year waiting period provided for in paragraph (1) shall apply under either of the following eircumstances:

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(A) If the applicant or training program director was banned from training program approval pursuant to subdivision (f), and the two-year waiting period would extend beyond the banned period, the application or petition for reinstatement shall be adopted once the banned period expires.

- (B) If the applicant or training program director was banned from training program approval pursuant to subdivision (f), and the two-year waiting period does not extend beyond the banned period, the authority shall reject the application or petition for reinstatement until the banned period expires.
- (h) In order to ensure that adequate qualified training programs are available to provide training in the preventive health practices course to all persons who are required to have that training, the authority may, after approval of the Commission on Emergency Medical Services pursuant to Section 1799.50, establish temporary standards for training programs for use until permanent standards are adopted pursuant to Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.
- (i) Persons who, prior to the date on which the amendments to this section enacted in 1998 become operative, have completed a course or courses in preventive health practices as specified in subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 1596.866, and have a certificate of completion card for a course or courses in preventive health practices, or certified copies of transcripts that identify the number of hours and the specific course or courses taken for training in preventive health practices shall be deemed to have met the requirement for training in preventive health practices.

SEC. 11.

- 31 SEC. 8. Section 106722 is added to the Health and Safety 32 Code, to read:
 - 106722. The department may deny,—award, amend, revoke, suspend, or restrict a registration issued pursuant to this article when, in the judgment of the department, a person's background or behavior bears materially on that person's ability to safely perform activities under the registration.

38 SEC. 12.

39 SEC. 9. Section 106877 is added to the Health and Safety 40 Code, to read:

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1 106877. The department may deny,—award, amend, revoke, suspend, or restrict a certification issued under this article when, in the judgment of the department, a person's background or behavior bears materially on that person's ability to safely perform activities under the certification. The department may conduct informal proceedings pursuant to this section. The results of the informal proceedings may be appealed to an administrative law judge. Unless appealed within 30 days, the findings of the department in the informal proceedings shall be final.

SEC. 13.

SEC. 10. Section 107080 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

107080. (a) The application fee for any certificate or permit issued pursuant to the Radiologic Technology Act (Section 27) shall be established by the department in an amount as it deems reasonably necessary to carry out the purpose of that act.

- (b) The fee for any examination conducted pursuant to the Radiologic Technology Act (Section 27) after failure of that examination within the previous 12 months shall be fixed by the department in an amount it deems reasonably necessary to carry out that act.
- (c) The annual renewal fee for each certificate or permit shall be fixed by the department in an amount it deems reasonably necessary to carry out the Radiologic Technology Act (Section 27).
- (d) The penalty fee for renewal of any certificate or permit if application is made after its date of expiration shall be five dollars (\$5) and shall be in addition to the fee for renewal prescribed by subdivision (c).
- (e) The fee for a duplicate certificate or permit shall be one dollar (\$1).
- (f) No fee shall be required for a certificate or permit or a renewal thereof except as prescribed in the Radiologic Technology Act (Section 27).

SEC. 14.

- 37 SEC. 11. Section 111615 of the Health and Safety Code is 38 amended to read:
- 39 111615. No person shall manufacture any drug or device in 40 this state unless he or she has a valid license from the

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department. The license is valid for two calendar years from the

- 2 date of issue one or two calendar years, from the date of issue,
- 3 depending on the schedule agreed to in the manufacturer's
- *licensing application*, unless it is revoked. The license is not transferable.

The department may require any manufacturer, wholesaler, or importer of any prescription ophthalmic device in this state to obtain a license.

SEC. 15.

- SEC. 12. Section 111625 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:
- 111625. A license application shall be completed *annually or* biennially and accompanied by an application fee as prescribed in Section 111630 Sections 111630 and 111656.1. This fee is not refundable if the license is refused.

SEC. 16.

- SEC. 13. Section 115065 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:
- 115065. (a) Notwithstanding Section 6103 of the Government Code, the department shall provide by regulation a schedule of the fees that shall be paid by the following persons:
- (1) Persons possessing radioactive materials under licenses issued by the department or under other state or federal licenses for the use of these radioactive materials, when these persons use these radioactive materials in the state in accordance with the regulations adopted pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 115060.
- (2) Persons generally licensed for the use of devices and equipment utilizing radioactive materials that are designed and manufactured for the purpose of detecting, measuring, gauging, or controlling thickness, density, level, interface location, radiation, leakage, or qualitative or quantitative chemical composition, or for producing light or an ionized atmosphere, if the devices are manufactured pursuant to a specific license authorizing distribution to general licensees.
- (b) The revenues derived from the fees shall be used, together with other funds made available therefor, for the purpose of the issuance of licenses or the inspection and regulation of the licensees.

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(c) The department may adopt emergency regulations pursuant to Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code to establish and adjust fees for radioactive materials licenses in an amount to produce estimated revenues equal to at least 95 percent of the department's costs in carrying out these licensing requirements, if the new fees were to remain in effect throughout the fiscal year for which the fee is established or adjusted.

- (d) A local agency participating in a negotiated agreement pursuant to Section 114990 shall be fully reimbursed for direct and indirect costs based upon activities governed by Section 115070. With respect to these agreements, any salaries, benefits, and other indirect costs shall not exceed comparable costs of the department.
- (e) The fees for licenses for radioactive materials and of devices and equipment utilizing those materials shall be adjusted annually pursuant to Section 100425.
- (f) The department shall establish fees to recover its actual cost for followup inspections related to the failure to correct violations of this chapter or regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter. The fees established by the department may be charged for each inspection visit, and may include employee hourly rates, travel time, supplies, report preparation, or consultant fees.

SEC. 17.

- SEC. 14. Section 115080 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:
- 115080. (a) Notwithstanding Section 6103 of Government Code, the department shall provide by regulation a ranking of priority for inspection, as determined by the degree of potentially damaging exposure of persons by ionizing radiation and the requirements of Section 115085, and a schedule of fees, based upon that priority ranking, that shall be paid by persons possessing sources of ionizing radiation that are subject to registration in accordance with subdivisions (b) and (e) of Section 115060, and regulations adopted pursuant thereto. The revenues derived from the fees shall be used, together with other funds made available therefor, for the purpose of carrying out any inspections of the sources of ionizing radiation required by this chapter or regulations adopted pursuant thereto. The fees shall, together with any other funds made available to the

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department, be sufficient to cover the costs of administering this chapter, and shall be set in amounts intended to cover the costs of administering this chapter for each priority source of ionizing radiation. Revenues generated by the fees shall not offset any general funds appropriated for the support of the radiologic programs authorized pursuant to this chapter, and the Radiologic Technology Act (Section 27), and Chapter 7.6 (commencing with Section 114960). Persons who pay fees shall not be required to pay, directly or indirectly, for the share of the costs of administering this chapter of those persons for whom fees are waived. The department shall take into consideration any contract payment from the Health Care Financing Administration for performance of inspections for Medicare certification and shall reduce this fee accordingly.

- (b) A local agency participating in a negotiated agreement pursuant to Section 114990 shall be fully reimbursed for direct and indirect costs based upon activities governed by Section 115085. With respect to these agreements, any salaries, benefits, and other indirect costs shall not exceed comparable costs of the department. Any changes in the frequency of inspections or the level of reimbursement to local agencies made by this section or Section 115085 during the 1985–86 Regular Session shall not affect ongoing contracts.
- (c) The fees paid by persons possessing sources of ionizing radiation shall be adjusted annually pursuant to Section 100425.
- (d) The department shall establish two different registration fees for mammography equipment pursuant to this section based upon whether the equipment is accredited by an independent accrediting agency recognized under the federal Mammography Quality Standards Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 263b).
- (e) The department shall establish fees to recover its actual costs for followup inspections related to the failure to correct violations of this chapter or regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter. The fees established by the department may be charged for each inspection visit, and may include employee hourly rates, travel time, supplies, report preparation, or consultant fees.

SEC. 18.

SEC. 15. Section 116735 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

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116735. (a) In order to carry out the purposes of this chapter, any duly authorized representative of the department may, at any reasonable hour of the day, do any of the following:

- (1) Enter and inspect any public water system or any place where the public water system records are stored, kept, or maintained.
- (2) Inspect and copy any records, reports, test results, or other information required to carry out this chapter.
- (3) Set up and maintain monitoring equipment for purposes of assessing compliance with this chapter.
 - (4) Obtain samples of the water supply.
- (5) Photograph any portion of the system, any activity, or any sample taken.
- (b) The department shall inspect each public water system, as follows:
- (1) A system with any surface water source with treatment, annually.
- (2) A system with any groundwater source subject to treatment with only groundwater sources, biennially.
- (3) A system with only groundwater sources not subject to treatment, every three years.
- (c) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the department from inspecting public water systems on a more frequent basis. An opportunity shall be provided for a representative of the public water system to accompany the representative of the department during the inspection of the water system.
- (d) It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to prevent, interfere with, or attempt to impede in any way any duly authorized representative of the department from undertaking the activities authorized by subdivision (a).

SEC. 19.

- SEC. 16. Section 117971 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:
- 117971. Notwithstanding Section 117995, the department, in 35 the implementation of this part, shall recover its actual costs for services related to large quantity medical waste generator followup inspections and enforcement activities necessary to ensure compliance with this part. In no event shall the department charge more than the actual costs incurred by the

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department. Fees may include employee hourly rates, travel time, supplies, report preparation, or consultant fees.

SEC. 20.

- SEC. 17. Section 117995 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:
- 117995. The registration and annual permit fee for large quantity generators shall be set in following amounts:
- (a) (1) A general acute care hospital, as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 1250, that has one or more beds, but not more than 99 beds, shall pay six hundred dollars (\$600), a facility with 100 or more beds, but not more than 199 beds, shall pay eight hundred sixty dollars (\$860), a facility with 200 or more beds, but not more than 250 beds shall pay one thousand one hundred dollars (\$1,100), and a facility with 251 or more beds shall pay one thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400).
- (2) In addition to the fees specified in paragraph (1), a general acute care hospital which is providing onsite treatment of medical waste shall pay an annual medical waste treatment facility inspection and permit fee of three hundred dollars (\$300), if the facility has one or more beds but not more than 99 beds, five hundred dollars (\$500), if the facility has 100 or more beds but not more than 250 beds, and one thousand dollars (\$1,000), if the facility has 251 or more beds.
- (b) A specialty clinic, providing surgical, dialysis, or rehabilitation services, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 1204, shall pay three hundred fifty dollars (\$350).
- (c) A skilled nursing facility, as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 1250, that has one or more beds, but not more than 99 beds shall pay two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$275), a facility with 100 or more beds, but not more than 199 beds shall pay three hundred fifty dollars (\$350), and a facility with 200 or more beds shall pay four hundred dollars (\$400).
- 33 (d) An acute psychiatric hospital, as defined in subdivision (b) 34 of Section 1250, shall pay two hundred dollars (\$200).
 - (e) An intermediate care facility, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 1250, shall pay three hundred dollars (\$300).
 - (f) A primary care clinic, as defined in Section 1200.1, shall pay three hundred fifty dollars (\$350).

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(g) A licensed clinical laboratory, as defined in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 1206 of the Business and Professions Code, shall pay two hundred dollars (\$200).

- (h) A health care service plan facility, as defined in subdivision (f) of Section 1345, shall pay three hundred fifty dollars (\$350).
- (i) A veterinary clinic or veterinary hospital shall pay two hundred dollars (\$200).
- (j) A large quantity generator medical office shall pay two hundred dollars (\$200).
- (k) In addition to the fees specified in subdivisions (b) to (j), inclusive, a large quantity generator of medical waste which is providing onsite treatment of medical waste shall pay an annual medical waste treatment facility inspection and permit fee of three hundred dollars (\$300).
- (1) The department may collect annual fees and issue permits on a biennial basis.
- SEC. 21. Section 5405 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:
- 5405. (a) This section shall apply to each facility licensed by the State Department of Mental Health, or its delegated agent, on or after January 1, 2003. For purposes of this section, "facility" includes psychiatric health facilities, as defined in Section 1250.2 of the Health and Safety Code, licensed pursuant to Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 77001) of Division 5 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations and mental health rehabilitation centers licensed pursuant to Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 781.00) of Division 1 of Title 9 of the California Code of Regulations.
- (b) (1) (A) Prior to the initial licensure or first renewal of a license on or after January 1, 2003, of any person to operate or manage a facility specified in subdivision (a), the department shall submit fingerprint images and related information pertaining to the applicant or licensee to the Department of Justice for purposes of a criminal record check, as specified in paragraph (2), at the expense of the applicant or licensee. The Department of Justice shall provide the results of the criminal record check to the department. The department may take into consideration information obtained from or provided by other government agencies. The department shall determine whether

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the applicant or licensee has ever been convicted of a crime specified in subdivision (c). The department shall submit fingerprint images and related information each time the position of administrator, manager, program director, or fiscal officer of a facility is filled and prior to actual employment for initial licensure or an individual who is initially hired on or after January 1, 2003. For purposes of this subdivision, "applicant" and "licensee" include the administrator, manager, program director, or fiscal officer of a facility.

- (B) Commencing January 1, 2003, upon the employment of, or contract with or for, any direct care staff the department shall submit fingerprint images and related information pertaining to the direct care staff person to the Department of Justice for purposes of a criminal record check, as specified in paragraph (2), at the expense of the direct care staff person or licensee. The Department of Justice shall provide the results of the criminal record check to the department. The department shall determine whether the direct care staff person has ever been convicted of a crime specified in subdivision (c). The department shall notify the licensee of these results. No direct client contact by the trainee or newly hired staff, or by any direct care contractor shall occur prior to clearance by the department unless the trainee, newly hired employee, contractor, or employee of the contractor is constantly supervised.
- (C) Commencing January 1, 2003, any contract for services provided directly to patients or residents shall contain provisions to ensure that the direct services contractor submits to the department fingerprint images and related information pertaining to the direct services contractor for submission to the Department of Justice for purposes of a criminal record cheek, as specified in paragraph (2), at the expense of the direct services contractor or licensee. The Department of Justice shall provide the results of the criminal record cheek to the department. The department shall determine whether the direct services contractor has ever been convicted of a crime specified in subdivision (c). The department shall notify the licensee of these results.
- (2) The applicant, licensee, direct care staff person, or direct services contractor specified in paragraph (1) shall submit to the department a statement signed under penalty of perjury that discloses any prior criminal convictions and prior

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government-imposed disciplinary actions specified in subdivision 2 (a), or that states that he or she has no prior convictions or 3 government disciplinary actions. If the applicant, licensee, direct 4 care staff person, or direct services contractor specified in 5 paragraph (1) has resided in California for at least the previous 6 seven years, the department shall only require the submission of 7 one set of fingerprint images and related information. The 8 Department of Justice shall charge a fee sufficient to cover the 9 reasonable cost of processing the fingerprint submission. Fingerprints submitted pursuant to this subdivision include 10 fingerprints taken by the use of live scan technology. When 11 requested, the Department of Justice shall forward one set of 12 13 fingerprint images to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the 14 purpose of obtaining any record of previous convictions or 15 arrests pending adjudication of the applicant, licensee, direct care staff person, or direct services contractor. The results of a 16 17 eriminal record check provided by the Department of Justice 18 shall contain every conviction rendered against an applicant, 19 licensee, direct care staff person, or direct services contractor, 20 and every offense for which the applicant, licensee, direct care 21 staff person, or direct services contractor is presently awaiting 22 trial, whether the person is incarcerated or has been released on 23 bail or on his or her own recognizance pending trial. The department shall request subsequent arrest notification from the 24 25 Department of Justice pursuant to Section 11105.2 of the Penal 26 Code. 27

- (e) (1) The department shall deny any application for any license, suspend or revoke any existing license, and disapprove or revoke any employment or contract for direct services, if the applicant, licensee, employee, or direct services contractor has been convicted of, or incarcerated for, a felony defined in subdivision (c) of Section 667.5 of, or subdivision (c) of Section 1192.7 of, the Penal Code, within the preceding 10 years.
- (2) The application for licensure or renewal of any license shall be denied, and any employment or contract to provide direct services shall be disapproved or revoked, if the criminal record of the person includes a conviction in another jurisdiction for an offense that, if committed or attempted in this state, would have been punishable as one or more of the offenses referred to in paragraph (1).

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(3) (A) The department shall deny any application for any license, and suspend or revoke any existing license, and disapprove or revoke any employment or contract for direct services, if the applicant, licensee, employee, or direct services contractor has been convicted of, or incarcerated for, any crime listed in subparagraph (B) within the preceding 10 years or any crime listed in subparagraph (C) within the preceding five years.

- (B) Any violation of Section 246, subdivision (a) or (g) of Section 273, subdivision (b) of Section 417, subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 451, Section 459, subdivision (a) of Section 460, Section 503, or Section 518 of the Penal Code, while participating in a criminal street gang, as defined in subdivision (f) of Section 186.22 of the Penal Code.
- (C) Any violation of Section 71, 76, 192, 242, 273.5, 273.6, 422, 470, 475, 484, 487, 488, or 496 of the Penal Code, any violation of Section 597 or 647d of the Penal Code resulting in a felony conviction, and any conviction in which an enhancement for the use of a firearm is imposed under Section 12022.53 of the Penal Code.
- (4) Any individual denied employment pursuant to this section shall be ineligible to reapply for employment for a minimum of two years from the date of denial or at the expiration of the specified five- or 10-year period, whichever is applicable as determined by the department.
- (d) (1) The department may approve an application for, or renewal of, a license, or continue any employment or contract for direct services, if the person has been convicted of a misdemeanor offense that is not a crime upon the person of another, the nature of which has no bearing upon the duties for which the person will perform as a licensee, direct care staff person, or direct services contractor. In determining whether to approve the application, employment, or contract for direct services, the department shall take into consideration the factors enumerated in paragraph (2).
- (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (e), if the criminal record of a person indicates any conviction other than a minor traffic violation, the department may deny the application for license or renewal, and may disapprove or revoke any employment or contract for direct services. In determining whether or not to deny the application for licensure or renewal, or to disapprove or

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1 revoke any employment or contract for direct services, the 2 department shall take into consideration the following factors:

- (A) The nature and seriousness of the offense under consideration and its relationship to the person's employment, duties, and responsibilities.
- (B) Activities since conviction, including employment or participation in therapy or education, that would indicate changed behavior.
- (C) The time that has elapsed since the commission of the conduct or offense and the number of offenses.
- (D) The extent to which the person has complied with any terms of parole, probation, restitution, or any other sanction lawfully imposed against the person.
- (E) Any rehabilitation evidence, including character references, submitted by the person.
- (F) Employment history and current employer recommendations.
- (G) Circumstances surrounding the commission of the offense that would demonstrate the unlikelihood of repetition.
- (H) The granting by the Governor of a full and unconditional pardon.
 - (I) A certificate of rehabilitation from a superior court.
- (e) Denial, suspension, or revocation of a license, or disapproval or revocation of any employment or contract for direct services specified in subdivision (e) and paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) are not subject to appeal, except as provided in subdivision (f).
- (f) After a review of the record, the director may grant an exemption from denial, suspension, or revocation of any license, or disapproval of any employment or contract for direct services, if the crime for which the person was convicted was a property crime that did not involve injury to any person and the director has substantial and convincing evidence to support a reasonable belief that the person is of such good character as to justify issuance or renewal of the license or approval of the employment or contract.
- (g) A plea or verdict of guilty, or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere shall be deemed a conviction within the meaning of this section. The department may deny any application, or deny, suspend, or revoke a license, or disapprove

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or revoke any employment or contract for direct services based on a conviction specified in subdivision (c) when the judgment of conviction is entered or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence.

- (h) (1) For purposes of this section, "direct care staff" means any person who is an employee, contractor, or volunteer who has contact with other patients or residents in the provision of services. Administrative and licensed personnel shall be considered direct care staff when directly providing program services to participants.
- (2) An additional background check shall not be required pursuant to this section if the direct care staff or licensee has received a prior criminal history background check while working in a mental health rehabilitation center or psychiatric health facility licensed by the department, and provided the department has maintained continuous subsequent arrest notification on the individual from the Department of Justice since the prior criminal background check was initiated.
- (3) When an application is denied on the basis of a conviction pursuant to this section, the department shall provide the individual whose application was denied with notice, in writing, of the specific grounds for the proposed denial.
- (4) State departments and agencies may share information regarding final administrative actions taken by individual departments and criminal record information that is not otherwise prohibited from disclosure by the Department of Justice for applicants, pursuant to this section.
- (5) State departments and agencies may take action with respect to applicants and licensees based on information obtained from other state departments and agencies if the information indicates that the conduct of the applicant or licensee has been inimical to the clients or the public.

SEC. 22.

- *SEC. 18.* Section 5675.2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:
- 5675.2. (a) There is hereby created in the State Treasury the Mental Health Licensing and Certification Fund, from which money, upon appropriation by the Legislature, shall be expended by the State Department of Mental Health to fund administrative

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and other activities in support of the licensing and certification program administered by the department.

- (b) Commencing January 1, 2005, each new and renewal application for a license to operate a mental health rehabilitation center shall be accompanied by an application or renewal fee.
- (c) The amount of the fees shall be determined and collected by the State Department of Mental Health, but the total amount of the fees collected shall not exceed the actual costs of licensure and regulation of the centers, including, but not limited to, the costs of processing the application, inspection costs, and other related costs.
- (d) Each license or renewal issued pursuant to this chapter shall may be issued for 12 months, for 24 months, or for an indefinite period based on each facility's documented compliance or lack of compliance with applicable requirements. Each facility shall file an application for renewal every 12 months or 24 months, whichever is applicable with respect to licenses issued for 12 or 24 months, or, if a license issued for an indefinite period is revoked, the licensee shall apply for renewal or for a new license within 30 days after the revocation. Application for renewal of the license shall be accompanied by the necessary fee and shall be filed with the department at least 30 days prior to the expiration date. Failure to file a timely renewal may result in expiration of the license.
- (e) License and renewal fees collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mental Health Licensing and Certification Fund.
- (f) Fees collected by the department pursuant to this section shall be expended by the department for the purpose of ensuring the health and safety of all individuals provided care and supervision by licensees and to support activities of the licensing and certification program, including, but not limited to, monitoring facilities for compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- (g) The department may establish a provisional license category for new licensees for up to 24 months that may be terminated for good cause.
- (h) The department may make additional charges to the facilities, if additional visits are required to ensure that corrective action is taken by the licensee.

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(i) Any law enforcement agencies receiving reports of incidents at any facility licensed under this section shall notify the department of incidents reported to them by each facility.

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4 SEC. 23. SEC. 19. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant 5 to Section 6 of Article XIIIB of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of 10 Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the 11 definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article 12 13 XIIIB of the California Constitution.